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Ms. Joy Wang  
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Dear Ms. Wang:

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated September 25, 2015, received at this command on October 1, 2015, and assigned case file number USFF 2016-01-000005. In your request, you ask for myriad pieces of information related to cryptographic machinery or publications carried by USS AEOLUS (ARC-3) and USS HARRY E. HUBBARD (DD-748), during 1966 through 1970; documentation identifying the positions of the crew responsible for handling the cryptographic equipment; and other information related to the crew, their responsibilities, and training materials.

In a previous communication with you, we explained that U.S. Fleet Forces Command was not the correct processing command for your request but that we would coordinate with other FOIA offices to help determine where your request should go. Since that time, we have coordinated with the Department of the Navy FOIA Office, Naval History and Heritage Command, Navy Information Dominance Forces, the Office of Naval Intelligence, Fleet Cyber Command, and the National Security Agency, all of whom say they have no such records.

Secretary of the Navy Instruction M-5210.1 provides specific guidance on the retention and/or destruction of all official records. Most records are destroyed after three years, unless otherwise required by law to be retained. To the best of our knowledge, no current Navy command would hold these records, assuming they even still exist. Considering the records you seek are 45 years old or older, it is possible they might be held at the National Archives and Records Administration. Consequently, I am forwarding your request there for processing and direct response to you.

You may follow up on your request at this link, <http://www.archives.gov/foia/>. If, in the future, you should obtain more specific information regarding where these records may be located, you may submit that information electronically, along with your new request, to [www.foiaonline.regulations.gov](http://www.foiaonline.regulations.gov).

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If you have any questions related to this action, please contact Ms. Lind Alvers at 757-836-3630 or [linda.alvers@navy.mil](mailto:linda.alvers@navy.mil).

Sincerely,

  
J.E. HANZLIK, JR.  
By direction

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